

## RSA Workshop on Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone 18.1.17-22.1.17

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### The Activity - RSA Network Meeting in Isafjordur, Iceland

#### Theme of Meeting - Review of coastal issues and the conceptual basis for transitions:

This first meeting of the RSA network on Coastal Transitions aimed to establish the 'boundaries' and potentials of the research network, identifying those aspects of critical importance to further academic and practitioner insight. Spatial understandings of transitions processes, largely neglected by the academic community to date, were front and centre to discussions. The workshop was attended by a small invited group as follows:

Liverpool John Moores University	Southern Connecticut State University	University Centre of the Westfjords
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>John Morrissey</li><li>Jason Kirby (keynote)</li><li>Olafur Pétursson (LJMU Ph.D. student)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Patrick Heidkamp</li><li>Anthony Vignola</li><li>Erin Kelly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cat Chambers</li><li>Jennifer Smith</li><li>Peter Weiss</li><li>Anika Truter</li></ul>

The attending members presented an outline of current active research on sustainability transitions, including an overview current ongoing collaboration and alliance between Liverpool John Moores University (UK) and Southern Connecticut State University (USA). On this, Patrick Heidkamp and John Morrissey have a co-authored paper under review and this was discussed, as well as scope for expanding the current work on coastal transitions in collaboration with attending colleagues.

### Outline of Benefits

The RSA sponsored research network on *Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone* aims to address limitations in current research through an examination of socio technological transitions with an explicitly spatial focus in the context of the coastal zone. Four meetings are planned, which will seek to initiate and foster debate, insight and critical thinking in this space in an incremental and step-wise manner.

This first meeting was very useful to frame the scope of the network, and to identify the conceptual and theoretical basis for future discussions. As a networking and relationship building exercise, the event was a success, and a range of options for future collaboration, including identification of potential PhD projects and flagging of appropriate funding schemes were discussed.

The workshop represented another important building block in the developing relationship between SCSU, CT USA, University Centre of the Westfjords, Iceland and Liverpool John Moores University, UK.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RSA network on *Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone* will take place in Liverpool in Sept 2017, from 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The agenda for the meeting is: **Food-Energy-Transportation Systems Transitions**. The workshop will address current limitations to sustainability and capacity for systems transformation, with reference to core concepts from the transitions literature and case studies forwarded and developed by the workshop attendees.

## Meeting Schedule (for reference)

### Regional Studies Association Research Network on Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone

Workshop 1: Review of Coastal Issues and the Conceptual Basis for Transitions

January 19-21<sup>st</sup> *University Centre of the Westfjords, Ísafjörður, Iceland*

## SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

### Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

12:00-13:30 Lunch and Introductions

*University Centre of the Westfjords, room 3*

14:00-15:00 Keynote Speaker Jason Kirby “(Some!) coastal and marine challenges of the 21st century: Finding solutions through the Liverpool Institute for Sustainable Coasts and Oceans (LISCO)”

*University Centre of the Westfjords, room 3*

15:00-15:15 Coffee and cakes

15:15-17:00 Mini presentations (Cat, Patrick, John)

*University Centre of the Westfjords, room 3*

Dinner on your own

### Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast on your own

9:00-10:00 Focus on grad students

*University Centre of the Westfjords, room 3*

10:00-10:15 Coffee

10:15-11:45 Field trip to Westfjords Heritage Museum

12:00 University Centre Friday lecture series: Jennifer Smith “Where are all the fish?”

12:30-13:30 Light lunch

*University Centre*

13:30-16:00 Agenda setting for the RN, public invitation

*University Centre of the Westfjords, room 3*

18:00 Dinner

*Hótel Ísafjörður*

### Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Breakfast on your own

9:00-11:00 wrap up session

*University Centre of the Westfjords, room 3*

11:00 Coffee and snacks

## WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

- SCSU Dr. C. Patrick Heidkamp, Anthony Vignola, Erin Kelly
- LJMU Dr. John Morrissey, Dr. Jason Kirby, Ólafur Pétursson
- UWC Dr. Catherine Chambers, Jennifer Smith, Anika Truter,